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1. The GOFG Polyclinic, [redacted] (Voyskovaya Chast Polevaya Pochta No. 25755) was located in Bielitz-Heilstaette /5033N-1729E/ about four kilometers northwest of Bielitz. This polyclinic rendered clinical medical assistance and expert consultation to the members of GOFG and their dependents.
2. I do not remember the name of the CO of the polyclinic. I know that he was a lieutenant colonel of the Medical Corps, and that at the same time he also held the position of permanent president of the GOFG Military Medical Board whose offices were located in Bielitz-Heilstaette.
3. The GOFG polyclinic had the following out-patient sections:
 - a. Surgical
 - b. Internal Disease
 - c. E N T
 - d. Gynecology
 - e. Skin and VD
 - f. Eye
 - g. Children
 - h. X-ray

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4. As a component part of the GOFG Polyclinic there was in Bielitz-Heilstaette a stomatological clinic with several sections, as well as X-ray and dental technical laboratories. Almost all sections of the GOFG Polyclinic were serviced by specialists who were medical officers on duty with this GOFG hospital. The polyclinic received out-patients from 0800 hours to 1600 hours with a one hour break for lunch, except Sundays when it is closed.
5. Military personnel sent from their units for medical consultation to GOFG polyclinic were normally accompanied by their unit medical officer or medical assistant. In exceptional cases an officer could be sent without medical escort. In no case could enlisted men be sent without the unit's doctor or medical assistant. This was done not only for security reasons, but in order to facilitate the work of polyclinic personnel in finding out the true nature of the patient's ailment.
6. Consultation by the GOFG Polyclinic normally resulted in one of the following steps being taken to dispose of the case:
 - a. Diagnosis and prescriptions of medicaments. Since the polyclinic did not have its own pharmacy, medicaments were obtained either from the patient's unit pharmacy or requested through medical channels. Rather often the consulting specialist would prescribe a special diet to be followed by the patient.
 - b. Hospitalization. Patients requiring hospitalization were normally directed to army hospitals serving the respective unit. Urgent cases and those requiring treatment not obtainable in army hospitals were directed to the GOFG Hospital in Bielitz-Heilstaette.
 - c. Medical Discharge. The GOFG Polyclinic had no authority to grant medical discharges. However, if it was the opinion of the polyclinic that a medical discharge was in order for anyone in the army, the recommendation was almost always accepted. Final decisions in such cases, however, rested with the Military Medical Board in Bielitz-Heilstaette. This was the only medical board in Germany authorized to grant medical discharges. Patients recommended by the GOFG Polyclinic for medical discharge were returned immediately to their respective units, provided with the necessary papers, and sent back to Bielitz-Heilstaette to appear in person before the Medical Board. When the decision on the patient's medical discharge was made by the GOFG Military Medical Board, it did not usually take longer than 7-10 days for the individual to be discharged and sent home to the USSR.
 - d. Reclassification of military personnel. Reclassification was handled according to procedures similar to those described in the previous paragraph.
7. The GOFG Military Medical Board was located in the same building with the GOFG Polyclinic. Members of the board included several medical doctors and specialists in various fields. There were about seven to eight members on the board.

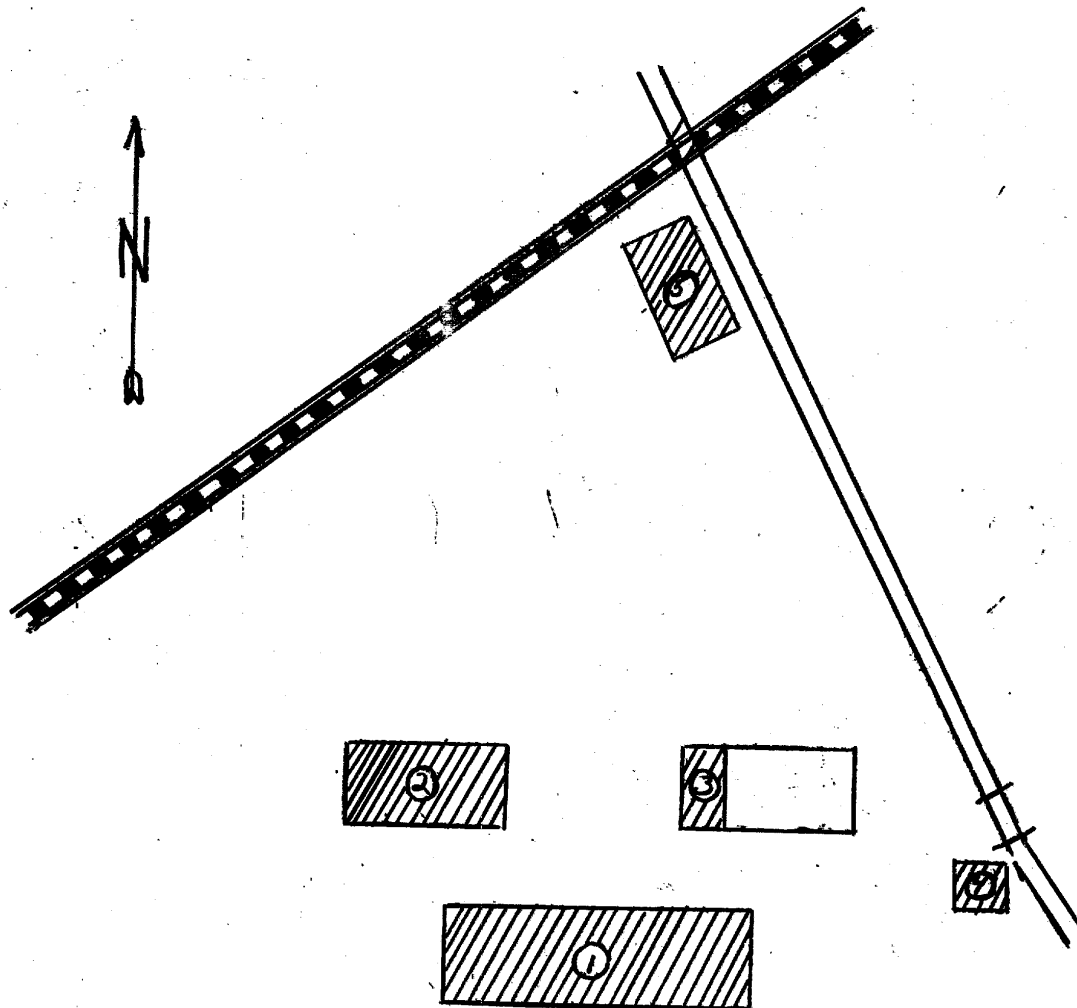
Enclosure A: Location Sketch of the GOFG Polyclinic in Bielitz-Heilstaette

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Enclosure A

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Sketch of the GOFG Polyclinic in Bielitz-Heilstaette

Legend

1. Main polyclinic building, GOFG Medical Military Board and laboratories
2. Stomatological Clinic and Blood Bank
3. Part of the building occupied by the Polyclinic
4. Polyclinic's Check Point
5. Officer's and civilian's hotel for the GOFG Hospital and polyclinic personnel and visitors

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